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Louisiana Case Involving Claims of Tank Cleaner Settles

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana benzene case involving the claims of a former tanker cleaner who argued that he developed multiple myeloma as a result of exposure to benzene-containing products has settled, according to court documents. Morin, et al. v. Chevron U.S.A. Inc., et al., No. 11-45 (E.D. La.).

According to a one-page order entered in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana July 2, the action settled after "numerous discussions among the parties."

A separate order of dismissal entered the same day stipulated that the action could be reopened if the settlement was not consummated.

"The court retains jurisdiction to enforce the compromise agreed upon by the parties," the order states.

Bryan Morin asserted the claims on the grounds that he was exposed to benzene while working as a tank cleaner. Morin says that during this one-year period, he cleaned tanks that contained benzene.

As a result of this exposure, Morin allegedly developed multiple myeloma.

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